THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION NO.27140 of 2006

Dated: 25.01.2007

Between:

M/s Guntur North Club,
Regd.No.08/43,
Pattabipuram Road,
Guntur, reptd by its
Secretary, M.S.P.V.Ramana Murthy.

...Petitioner

And:

Government of A.P., reptd
by its Secretary Home Department,
Hyderabad and two others.

...Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner seeks writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in interfering with the day-to-day lawful activities of the petitioner-Club as illegal and arbitrary and consequently, to direct the respondents not to interfere or obstruct with the lawful activities of the petitioner Club.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader for Home.

The subject matter of this writ petition is squarely covered by the judgment rendered by a Division Bench of this Court in *Twin Cities Cinema*

Cultural Centre (Formerly Twin Cities Club), Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad v. Commissioner of Police, A.P., Hyderabad and others[1] wherein the order of the learned single Judge dated 11.6.2002 is clarified.

Following the same, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the police authorities not to obstruct the petitioner-Club from conducting the card room where the members and guests of the petitioner's cultural center are allowed to play the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). At the same time, it is made clear that the police are always at liberty to enter the premises and check as to whether the cultural center of the Club is conducting the card room where the members and guests of petitioner's cultural center are playing the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game) for the purpose of verification. However, if the police receive any intimation that the members and guests of petitioner's cultural center are playing the games other than the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game), they may enter the petitioner-Club and verify the same and proceed further in accordance with law. The police authorities are also at liberty to proceed with the cases, which are already registered.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

(V.ESWARAIAH, J)

25.01.2007
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[1] 2002(5) ALT 805 (D.B.)